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1. IF AGREEMENT OBLIGATING FUNDS IS TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY WASHINGTON TALKS WITH OJEDA ABOUT DIRECTION OF 75-76 ERADICATION PROGRAM, WE NEED TO DEVELOP ASAP LIKELY MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS CONNECTED WITH EACH OF VARIOUS COURSES OF ACTION WHICH OJEDA MAY PROPOSE. BASIS OF REFTEL CONVERSATION, R. HALL WILL PREPARE ESTIMATE HERE, REQUEST EMBASSY ALSO TO REPORT ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE TYPES CONFIDENTIAL

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AND QUANTITIES OF INPUTS NEEDED ASAP. WE THEN WILL COLLATE

WITH BERNAL AND SCHLESINGER UPON THEIR RETURN WASHINGTON MIDDLE NEXT WEEK. IF TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT, PLEASE REPORT BY CABLE; IF NOT, ASSUME BERNAL CAN PROVIDE DATA ON HIS RETURN. ONCE INFORMATION DEVELOPED, IT WILL SIMPLIFY FINAL PREPARATION OF PROGRAM FOLLOWING POLICY DECISIONS ON KEY ISSUES TO BE MADE AT PENDING PRINCIPALS MEETING.

2. BASIS FOR ESTIMATES WILL DEPEND ON FOLLOWING POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION PLUS ANY OTHERS YOU DEEM LIKELY OR DESIRABLE:

A. ASSUMING GOM DECIDES AGAINST USING HERBICIDES, WHAT MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS IN ADDITION TO THOSE ALREADY IN PLACE WILL BE MINIMUM NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH ERADICATION AND INTERDICTION GOALS IN BOTH SOUTH AND NORTH, GIVEN (1) PRESENT GOM RESOURCES; OR (2) SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN TROOPS AVAILABLE TO A.G. FOR EXPANDED PROGRAM IN SOUTH; OR (3) USG ASSISTANCETO MEXICAN ARMY'S SEPARATE ERADICATION PROGRAM IN SOUTH? (WE UNDERSTAND CROP CYCLES IN SOUTH AND NORTH ARE NOT CONCURRENT, BUT SUCCESSIVE, ALTHOUGH THEY MAY OVERLAP SOMEWHAT.) PLEASE COMMENT ON NECESSITY FOR A SECOND COMPASS TRIP AND MEANING FOR OUR ASSISTANCE EFFORTS.

- B. WHAT WOULD BE NEW RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS IF THERE IS AFFIRMATIVE GOM DECISION ON HERBICIDE SPRAYING (1) BY HELICOPTER WITH BACK-UP BY HAND OR (2) BY HAND EXCLUSIVELY; AND (3) ONLY IN NORTH AND AREAS OF HOMOGENOUS POPPY CULTIVATION; OR (4) THROUGHOUT ALL POPPY REGIONS WHETHER HOMOGENOUS OR MIXED CROPPING? (IN DEVELOPING INPUT LISTS FOR THESE OPTIONS, PLEASE FACTOR IN VARIABLES DISCUSSED IN (A) ABOVE.)
- 3. ASSUME REACTION OF TRANSMITTAL TO OJEDA OF ISSUES LISTED IN REFTEL POSSIBLY COULD SIMPLIFY PLANNING ESTIMATES. KISSINGER

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